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Resignation results by opposing views

by Tim Frusti

On August 27, 1975, Dr. Harvey Stegemoeller resigned his position of president of Concordia College, St. Paul in the face of "an untenable" disagreement between himself and the school's Board of Control. The school's faculty responded with a plea that the Board reconsider their acceptance of Stegemoeller's resignation, but neither the Board nor Stegemoeller were willing to change their stand. On September 20 it was announced that Stegemoeller had accepted a new post as executive director of the Minnesota Private College Council.

On October 3 the SWORD interviewed Dr. Stegemoeller about what had caused the problems. A portion of that interview is here included.

SWORD: Dr. Stegemoeller, what exactly led to your resignation?

Stegemoeller: What led to my resignation is a Synodical situation which many people, if not most are not aware of.

I have believed for a long time that Synod is going in a bad way theologically, philosophically, and politically. The simple fact is that Balance, Inc. (Affirm) and the Doctrinal Concerns Program (DCP) have taken control of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. I think that fact has to be recognized. If you agree with it, fine. I personally think it's not good and I disagree.

So I insist on the right of dissent. I see many people taking the point of view that "the Synod has said; St.

Louis says; Dr. Preus says; authority has answered and there's nothing more to be said." For children of the Reformation to take that point of view staggers my mind. In meetings I have asked over and over "What in my twenty-two years in the ministry can you point to as a doctrinal offence?" And the answers are never on theological substance but always on ecclesiastical, institutional, or political problems: that I don't cooperate with Dr. Preus, or that I don't support the Synod.

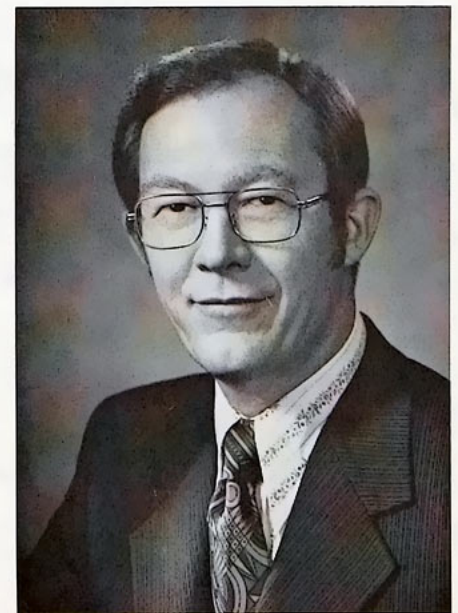
In the original resolution the Board came up with Thursday evening (Aug. 21) it used the word 'request'. They 'requested' that I carry out Anaheim resolutions regarding ELIM and so on, which would have been fine if that was what they meant. That would have given me the right to dissent, and I could have then said, "Thanks, but no thanks." But Friday morning, after extensive discussion centering around that basic issue of whether I really had that right not to follow through on the Board's directives if they went against my conscience, the Board voted, three to two, to change the resolution's wording to "require" rather than 'request.'

But I simply could not accept and carry out those ecclesiastical resolutions and regulations as automatically authoritative for my life and ministry. And so on August 27, the situation was still the same, the Board accepted my resignation on those terms, and that was it.

SWORD: Have you felt that the Board has worked in an open and

honest way?

Stegemoeller: Yes, I do. Some people have said that the Board acted too hastily, or precipitously, implying that this was too quick. Well, I think the Board represents a point of view in the Synod which I disagree with very much. But in all fairness I feel that they were consistent, and fair, given their mindset on the Synodical issues. I know that we very much differed on the basic issues, but I think we were open and honest with one another.



Dr. Harvey Stegemoeller, former president of CSP, left office Aug. 27, 1975.

New Student Committee Digs into Synod Issues

by Holly Prigge

A Student Steering Committee has been set up for Concordia College, through the CSP Student Senate Executive Board. The purpose of this committee is for students to plug into the Synodical conflict in every form that it afflicts them as Christian's, Students and Lutherans.

The Committee has four main objectives:

1. We the Student Steering Committee hereby resolve to remain objective, open, and responsive to all Students needs and sentiments; and in so doing try to keep them informed, open, and responsive to Students needs and sentiments.

2. Information Source for Students.

3. Acknowledging what students want and hearing their opinions and concerns and assuring that action will be taken on their needs. What could be termed as Student Direction.

4. Personal needs-acknowledging what an individual wants and hearing their opinions and concerns, and

assuring that action will be taken on their needs.

The Committee is comprised of five members. Mary Hertwig, committee chairperson and go-between from the Senate to the committee, Dennis Schiefelbrin, Mary Ann Ulrinak, Yvonne Lemke and John Schultz. These people were appointed because they were open and objective toward the subject and showed concern. The Senate Executive Board determined the maximum membership of the committee to be five because they felt that more people on it would lead the

committee to become more subjective and less objective. The purpose of the committee is **not** to be a battle-ground for issues!

Forums will take place to up date students and answer any questions they may have. If unable to attend these forums, questions should be directed to Mary Hertwig.

There is no connection with faculty or administration involved. This is a Student Committee for Student Informed action!

Future meetings will be announced through the bulletins and by Senate Representatives.

Fall Career Day Being Planned

by Vicki Beeman

Final preparations are now being made for Concordia's Fall Career Day to be held Friday, October 17, ac-

cording to Sara Mueller, student co-chairman of the Career Day planning committee.

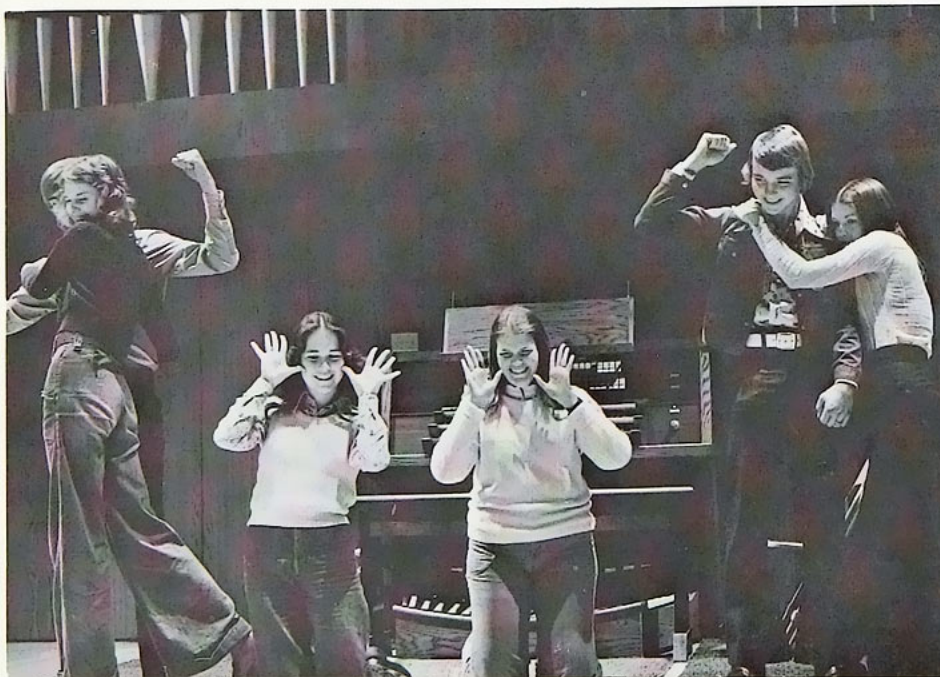
Invitations have been sent to congregations and high school students in the Midwest area. Approximately 300 guests are expected to take advantage of the opportunity to become better acquainted with the school's academic program, classes, financial aid, dorms, and extra-curricular activities.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the Student Union. There will be displays in the union of various campus clubs and organizations. Tours of the campus will be conducted throughout the day and visitors to the campus will have a chance to sit in on classes.

The main activities of the day will conclude at 3 p.m., but a talent show is also being planned for the evening.

Housing will be available to those who have to travel a great distance for Thursday and Friday nights.

Anyone interested in contributing their talent for the talent show to contact either Sara Mueller or Jon Frusti, who are serving as co-chairmen. Tour guides are also needed, any student interested in participating contact Laura Vogt for more information.



As part of the orientation activities the Freshmen performed skits for one another.

L. Zachary leaves CSP

by Pam Beyer

"I'm leaving Concordia to take another kind of job. I need to break away and try something new. I will be supervising field placements and team teaching. It is quite a change from what I've done here," remarked Lewis Zachary, M-TEPS Coordinator.

Professor Zachary left CSP to work at the Metropolitan Community College in Minneapolis. Lewis Zachary first came to Concordia as a guest in

Married students make plans for year

The married student group is still in existence, but getting off to a slow start. Since the group doesn't have an advisor this year, that's their first concern.

The tentative date of the first get-together is Oct. 24th. It will be a Halloween party complete with apple dunking and a design for a jack-o-lantern.

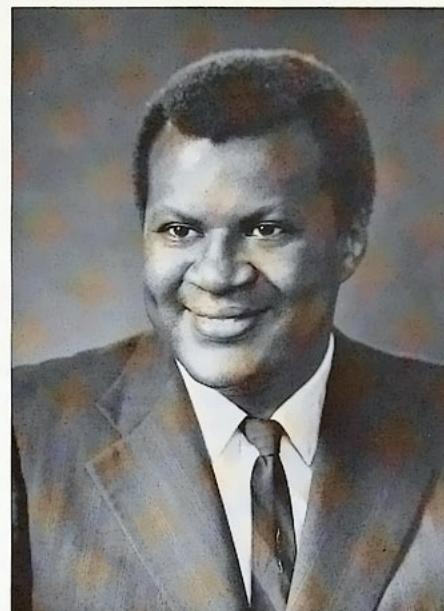
Other activities for the year include: roller skating, 2nd Annual Turkey Dinner, Winter Retreat, theatre party, outdoor activities such as sledding and/or skating and an end of the year picnic.

Task Force members are: Ron and Monica Youngdale, Denny and Wendy Mairs, Nancy Wolff, Alice Witte, and Melissa Richholt. If you have comments, questions, or concerns contact one of the members.

Dramatic dresses, funky fur coats, and genuine blue jeans are featured at Saint Paul Goodwill Industries' Welcome Student Day, on Saturday, October 11 at 2543 Como Avenue and Highway 280. Concordia College students who shop at Goodwill's Bargain Store on Welcome Student Day will receive a \$2.00 or more by showing their Concordia I.D. Goodwill's Bargain Store has 26,000 square feet of low priced items — hardcover books for 35¢ or 45¢, clean clothing at an average price of \$1.30, and household furnishings including toasters, coffeepots, tables, drapes, and sofas.

the fall of 1969. In August of 1970 he began teaching the class Human Growth and Development fulltime. Since then he has also taught Black History and Cultural of Poverty. He's the first fulltime coordinator for M-TEPS stand for Metropolitan Teacher Education Program Selection." In explaining what M-TEPS is, Professor Zachary said, "It is a program to help minorities. I guess the first question I must ask myself is what I can do to help. The program is now in its eighth year. During my stay the M-TEPS group has just about doubled in size. When I first came to the college the M-TEPS was not really an institutionalized group. It is now helping students take part in more student activities."

"I don't know who will be taking my place or how soon a new coordinator will come. That decision has not yet been made. I have mixed emotions about leaving M-TEPS because of my attachment for the student body over the years. I came to Concordia with the idea of giving a few years of my life to help other people. I left all thought of personal gain behind me. But yet I feel I have achieved success."



Professor Lewis Zachary, former coordinator of M-TEPS.

News Briefs

Sunday October 12 there will be a coffeehouse featuring campus personalities at 8 P.M. on Tier III of the Student Union. No admission charge.

'Miss Goodall and the Wild Chimps' will be shown on October 14th at 6:30 in S-108. Jane Goodall is an internationally known expert on animal behavior. She has spent a great deal of time observing animals in their natural habitats. There will be no charge.

Professor Jack Kettles' Children's Theatre class will be attending the Children's Theatre Company of Minneapolis' performance of Treasure Island at the C.T.C. on October 18.

They will be seeing the special matinee at 2 P.M. and will be allowed backstage to tour the facilities afterward. The players will conduct a drama seminar for Professor Kettles' group.

CSP has placed a new sign saying "Concordia College" on the north side of the LMC. The sign will let travelers on I-94 and Hamline Avenue know what Concordia is alive and well.

The theme for this year's Homecoming is "We're All in this Together". The October 31-November 2 Homecoming will also be celebrating the 25th anniversary of co-education at CSP.

Editorial What are the Synod Issues?

According to a recent Missouri In Perspective article, Dr. Harvey Stegemoeller's resignation came about primarily because "he would not begin disciplinary steps against members of ELIM . . . because he believes that they make positive contributions to the mission of the college." [MIP Sept. 15, 1975]

It is apparent Stegemoeller was thinking foremost as a president of a college, which is understandable. Since he first began his ministry as president of CSP four years ago, his foremost goal has always appeared to be the building up of Concordia in every way. The problem resulted when the newly elected Board of Control asked him, in a sense, to change his priorities from serving the college first to placing the Synod first.

It is obvious that those professors that have become the center of the problem [or beginning point, or however else you may see it] have and continue to "make positive contributions to the mission of the college." For example, Paul Manz, who is the most often cited "problem" on the staff, has done an immeasurable amount of upbuilding of the college through his efforts in getting the new auditorium organ, in publicity through his records [every one of which include the fact that he is chairman of the music department at CSP] and in spiritual life through his occasional hymn fests and services for the school's morning chapel exercises.

But that is not really the question that is now confronting the Board of Control. They are looking at the Synod and the fact that the Synod, in its latest convention, has stated its belief that ELIM is divisive, and members and supporters of it are to be dealt with. That is what the Board of Control instructed Stegemoeller to do for the sake of the Synod-not for the school.

Is that the correct attitude? Stegemoeller felt it wasn't

and so in conscience resigned. The Board of Control felt it was, and so in conscience accepted the resignation.

And where does that leave the college? It would seem now that a president will be called - obviously one that will follow the directives of the Board of Control, and the "disciplinary steps" will begin. That could be a reason why so many members of the faculty are backing Stegemoeller's "protest". It could well be their own jobs and positions they are fighting for.

And yet it boils down to very definite doctrinal issues. If, for example, faculty members refuse to acknowledge "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles" as an honest and correct understanding of the Word of God, the students and members of the Synod deserve to know on what points they disagree.

From there, it should be up to the members of the Synod, which also includes most of the students at Concordia, to determine the suitability of that faculty member. It should be obvious to all that there comes a point wherein "unity" is simply no longer in existence or possible.

It has now become the responsibility of each member of the Concordia family to determine where that point is. To best accomplish this, we must dedicate these next few months to hearing all sides and finally judging individually where our understanding of God's Word puts us. We cannot discuss the correctness of "A Statement" without first reading it. We cannot discuss the "right to dissent" if we don't know Synod's accepted methods of registering disagreement. We cannot answer ELIM's charges if we don't listen to them. And above all, we cannot understand any of the problems without continual study of God's Word and Will as revealed in Holy Scripture.

To the editor:

It is popular here at CSP to view the problems in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod as very complex. The general consensus seems to be that labels serve only to alienate people and obscure issues. I don't believe this is true. The theological issues are very simple. Any questions regarding ecclesiastical authority and-or church politics cannot be answered without prior knowledge of the core theological questions which is being raised today. This question is simply: Does the Bible contain errors? If someone believes that it does, he's labeled a liberal. If someone believes that it does not, he's labeled a conservative. Claiming that the issues center on interpreting the Bible is not really taking into account the reasons for different interpretations.

I believe that the reason some faculty members are opposed to "The Statement" as a binding doctrinal resolution is because they believe the Bible contains errors.

I think the time has come for some deep soul-searching on the part of us all. Let's not hide behind complex

explanations to simple problems. Do you believe the Bible contains errors?
Rolf Preus

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What Is The Faculty Platform?

1. What are Resolutions 3-05 and 3-06?

These two resolutions of this summer's Anaheim convention refer to A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles, commonly called A Statement, and ELIM respectively.

2. Why are we speaking primarily about these two resolutions?

These two resolutions in particular were of serious concern to Dr. Harvey Stegemoeller and ultimately his conflict with them in part, led to his resignation. Many others in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have serious reservations about these two resolutions.

3. What is the wording of 3-05 and 3-06?

It is difficult to provide an answer to this question for two reasons. First, the official convention minutes have not yet been published. Secondly, their wording is too long for a brief article. However, I can supply a few of the pertinent sections of these resolutions as they appeared in print prior to the convention.

Resolution 3-05 deals with A Statement. The following two paragraphs should provide some of the flavor of this resolution.

"A Statement is not to be used mechanically or legalistically to discipline members of the Synod, but it is to be honored, upheld, and used fraternally and evangelically throughout the Synod in an effort to assist the Synod in remaining faithful to its confessional position."

"If a member cannot for conscience sake accept a doctrinal resolution of the Synod, he has the obligation and opportunity through mutually approved procedure to challenge such a resolution with a view of effecting the changes he seems necessary. Failing in that, he is completely free by reason of his wholly voluntary association with the Synod to obey his conscience and disassociate himself from the Synod. Meanwhile every member of the Synod is held to abide by, act, and teach in accordance with the Synod's resolution's."

Some of the pertinent wording of resolution 3-06 is as follows:

"Synod, with great anguish and regret believes it necessary to declare that the way in which ELIM functions

is schismatic—."

"Resolved, that the Synod request its congregations, officers and boards to minister evangelically and pastorally with those under their supervision who play active roles in planning and/or carrying the schismatic functions referred to above to the end that by such admonition they a) Cease such roles, or b) disassociate themselves from ELIM so long as it continues those schismatic functions, or c) in conscience, terminate their membership in the Synod rather than to continue to act so as to divide and weaken it; be it further resolved, that in the case of those officers of the Synod and members of the faculties of Synodical institutions with whom patient and pastoral admonition has proven futile, appropriate action be taken on the basis of the Synodical Handbook—."

4. What right does the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have in saying what is taught in the classrooms?

As we answer this question we must keep in mind that the LC-MS is a man made system. When any such system is organized it is free to build its own framework of functions and set its own peculiar rules of operation. In that sense the LC-MS has a very legitimate right to determine what shall or may be taught in its classrooms. However, we should bear in mind that we are speaking of a Christian organization when we say LC-MS. That in mind, has to have a strong influence on the answer to your question. I believe we must also ask, How shall we decide what should be taught? Shall we make such decisions slowly, patiently, with love and respect for all, or shall we use a hasty, majority vote system where as few as 50.0 per cent of the members can direct the other 49.99 per cent of the members to teach a particular viewpoint? [In that respect, remember that the New Orleans convention unconstitutionally, as viewed by many, changed our system from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority voting procedure.] Wouldn't we be operating with greater love and respect for all if we used a system which was spiritually persuasive rather than legalistic?

Finally, we must examine scripture and the confessions to see what type of authority a church may have over its members. Concordia's faculty is engaged in such a study.

Professor Robert E. Holtz

From the students' hand comes . . .

The Spirit moves each of us in different ways; some to song, some to speech, and some to the written word. We offer to you here the fruits of inspiration from our own CSP students. If you'd like to contribute your original poetry or prose contact Jeff Powell, P.O. Box 664.

With the passing of summer and the coming of

fall,

comes a sport of helmets, padding

and a pigskin ball.

The Concordia Comets we won't quit or be

beat,
for we're rough and tough and fast on our

feet.
Our linemen are big and the best by far,

for they are Wiebold, Esala, Hauter and

Karr.
The warmups are rough and we work up a

sweat,
by the end of practice our foreheads are

wet.
Leg lifts we love for we pound on our tummies,
but when we goof off we carry blue dummies.

As the kick off begins we're put to the test,
as Concordia Comets we'll do our best.

A parody on college rules

by Craig Hergert

And as many walk according to this rule, peace be on them and mercy.

Galatians 6:16

From the day we are old enough to understand the meaning of "no" until the day we die, we are all subject to rules. These rules vary in magnitude from "Thou shalt not kill" to "Keep off the grass."

College life also has its own rules which are obeyed and, on occasion, broken. But if CSP students think they have it rough, with open dorm regulations, etc., they should have been around Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois around 1900. A list of rules for the seminary at that time, written in German, were translated by Dr. John Stach. They provide an interesting look at the discipline of that era.

The daily schedule began in this comfortable way:

Every student is required to arise at

the first bell at 5 a.m. in order that 25 minutes later at the ringing of the second bell he may be fully washed and dressed for the morning service.

By 7 o'clock each student must have his bed made. No articles of clothing can be deposited on or under the bed.

The supervisors must report all the late risers and those who have not made their beds at the proper time.

The day ended with the same strictness as that which started the schedule. No late parties for this crowd.

No student is allowed to be absent from the campus after 9 p.m. without special permission.

After 10 p.m. no loud conversation in the dorms.

At 10 p.m. all doors leading to the outside must be closed. The doorkeeper must report all latecomers. Those who climb in through a window or in any other illegal door are guilty of a very serious offense.

Between 5 a.m. and the 10 p.m. bedtime, there were many restrictions on what the students could do. For instance:

Students are prohibited from attending any of the following: Saloons, theatres, circus performances, etc. Nor must any drinking parties take place on the campus.

The singing of boisterous, insipid,

and suggestive songs at the school or outside together with offensive stories is prohibited with all earnestness.

No water shall be dumped out of the windows into the yard.

No one entrusted by the faculty with an office or function can resign without permission.

And finally the ultimate blow:

Students who become engaged are subject to expulsion. Any intimate or offensive relationship with members of the opposite sex is strictly forbidden.

But what if some of the rules were broken? Well, they were handled like this:

In all cases of private sinning, the students are to observe the rule of brotherly admonition. However, if this is fruitless, it must be reported to the director.

The director probably dealt with the scoundrel in the same way it was handled here at CSP in the early 1920's. An anonymous alumnus recalled in *History of Concordia* that "the faculty tried to make the punishment fit the crime. Boys who overslept were required to shovel snow or to cut a small quantity of cordwood for the bakery. A boy who willfully disrupted a class period by blasting his trumpet was required to work off his excess steam by sawing a whole cord of wood."

Yes, those were the good old days.

Something to pray about...

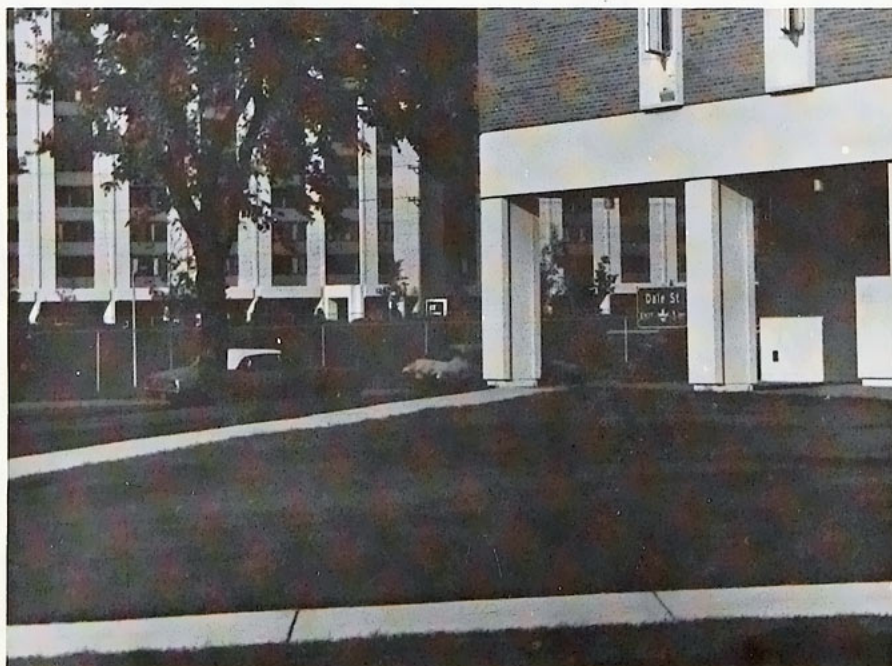
O Thou faithful God, who hast called us by Thy holy word to the fellowship of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior we ask You to keep us from hypocrisy and insincerity and make us, like Thy word, pure, true, and sincere in all our words and deeds. Please help us to rely on Your help as we begin this school year at C.S.P.

Lord Jesus, send Thy cleansing and healing hand to all who are ill. Go to them with healing in your wings. Let not their suffering be despondent, but teach them to believe that Thy abiding presence will uphold us from hour to hour. Please Dear Lord keep them cheerful and hopeful.

Dear God Our Father we entreat Thee on behalf of the countries where the horrors of war are ravaging the land. Put an end to the shedding of the blood of men, women, and children. O Lord, Thou wouldst make us weary of a sin-torn world; teach us well to run our race and in Thy name to battle with every obstacle of love, till Judgment Day ushers in the reign of perfect peace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you for hearing our prayers for Jesus' sake.

Amen



De'ja Vu Old West. Returning students will remember this as the former site of Old West.

Thesis on CSP Soccer team seeks more experience

Concordia College, small, friendly, and sunny, even if it is raining in the ghetto. Yes, I am from the ghetto like so many other young Blacks, chasing a dream, a dream filled with hope — hope for survival in a world we can't control. Concordia has offered me this hope, saying, "Here is a chance, a way, take it." It is a totally different approach to life for me. Like a new lease on life.

Looking across this campus doesn't promise excitement. It's just like other little things, small. Yet it still offers so much in its small-town, conservative way. To me its closeness to the community is a blessing. The statue of Martin Luther stands like a sentry guarding the gates to this little heaven, typical in attitude and comfortable in atmosphere.

All eyes contain a message whether it is love, hate, pain, or joy. Concordians smile continuously, and perhaps they are blessed with this gift of joy. This friendliness is expressed by smiling faces through-out the halls. The joyful greetings ring through the hallways. Professors take a personal interest in each student going out of their way to be helpful. Here everyone makes an attempt to help his fellow man no matter how great the problem.

I am aware of my being and the relationship of my mind to my body. Here at Concordia I have a chance to put both to total use. In the classroom I am allowed to release my inner-self and express myself intelligently. On the athletic field I encounter ample stimulus for good physical conditioning. In Concordia I have found a chance to peak mentally and physically.

Dennis Presley

BB team aids high

With Concordia midway through its fall sports program, early preparation is already being made for the winter athletics. A sneak preview of the CSP men's basketball team reveals that the squad will be a high scoring one. Coach John Hendrickson is optimistic that this year's team might be the best in Concordia's history.

A pretty strong statement to be sure, but it has support. Concordia will field a veteran team. Back from last year are Lee and Chris Hass, Fritz Raedeke, Sherman Austin, Jim Meyer, Save Saving, Mark and Wyatt Schultz, John Schultz and Dave Kellerman.

Improvement and experience are the two major factors involved when you ask about the outlook for the Comets' soccer team this season. "We have a need for improvement and experience, especially down centerfield," reflects Coach Hendrickson, looking back on the last few games. "We've got the potential, and it's coming along rather well. We're doing good in moving the ball, but we can't seem to hit the goal, and that's where we're hurting."

The most promising player in the past few games has been Glenn White, an excellent fullback, who can play equally well at almost any position.

The team has only been slightly bothered by injuries this year, and has demonstrated the ability to fill in where the need arises.

The roster for this year's soccer team includes: Richard Barnes, Fred Brauer, Ted Bessey, Steve Erickson, Dave Gunderson, Robert Hoch, Dan Larson, Jim Linse, Dave Maki, Steve

Stop for a minute,
Let me be your guide.
Look up sisters and brothers,
This world is very wide.
Please take my hand
And look through these eyes.
There is so much to life
You'd be surprised.
There's more than just ghettos,
Crooks, pimps, and jive,
There are rainbows to cross
While you're still alive.

They've had one year to get used to each other, and they should blend well this year.

What last years team lacked was height and rebounding, and some transfers promise to provide help. Dave Meyer from Concordia, Moorhead, at 6'7", should become popular with the veteran Comets in no time. Richard Krupp and Jim Frerking, from Concordia, Milwaukee and Missouri's Concordia respectively, will provide good depth.

That's just a quick look at what promises to be an improved Comet basketball team.



Steve Pickel tries to out kick his Bethany opponent.

Pickel, Wally Resner, Brian Steenbock, Steve Whittaker, Mark Gingrass, Dave Rochlitz, Glenn White, Gary Lehmkuhl, Andy Toopes, Roger Theimer, Bill Miller, Paul Mueller, and Rick Bibersdorf.

Optimism opens VB season

This year looks like a promising one for the Concordia women's volleyball team. Coach Kathy Surridge has ten returning players from last season, including Ruth Burger and Cindy Pummil who were co-most valuable players last year, plus some new freshmen talent.

The squad will be divided into two teams. Both teams have been working on a new offense in preparation for the opener against St. Cloud on the 27th.

The Comets will be facing a tough schedule this year, with most of their fourteen games played away. However, Coach Surridge is optimistic, "We're gonna smash 'em!"

Returning players are Burger, Kris David, Joan Kiecker, Wendy Manthey, Cathy Voetberg, Heide Weisert, and Pat Young. New players are Val Meyer, Carol Moss, Cindy Wulf and Lorie Wunderlich.

Depthless Gridders Off To Slow Start

by Craig Hergert

Ed. Note: The Comets are in orbit about their 13-7 march over Pillsbury at press time.

The 1975 football season started with the Comets in a new conference, but still mixed in some old problems. After two one-sided defeats, the lack of depth which plagued the team last year was surfaced once again.

The new conference is the Upper Midwest Football Conference and it is favorable in two ways; it eliminates several long bus trips and there is more equality in the enrollment and funds of the schools involved.

Despite the three early losses (Dakota State 48-0; Northwestern, Wisc. 28-6; and Bethel 48-0) the Comets still have a lot to shine about.

For openers, the offensive line has been strong, despite the fact that some of the linemen have been going both ways. Ward Maser, a freshman from Henry Sibley High School, has established himself at center. Maser, 6'1", 205 pounds, received the highest grade for offensive linemen for the Dakota State game. The guards are Captain Howie Wiebold and Dale Forsberg. Wiebold, a senior, has been a real workhouse, seeing action as linebacker as well as at guard. Forsberg played for CSP as a freshman before transferring to the U of M, and his return is a welcomed one. At the tackle positions are the familiar faces of Ed Doepel (6'2", 215) and Steve Hauter (6'4", 220) who have been cited by Coach Surridge as being among the team leaders with great positive attitudes.

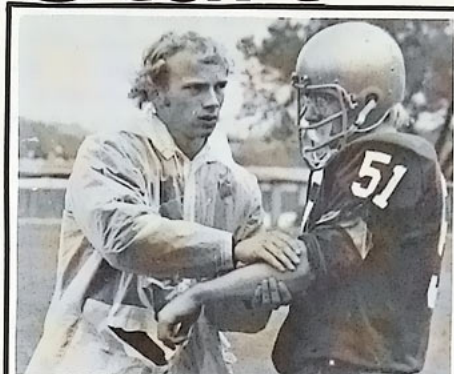
The next piece of good news is that

Joel Schuldheisz is back at split end. Schuldheisz, who set a Comet career record for most receptions (52) in his first year, has shown that the magic is still there. Despite being double-teamed in every passing situation, the glue fingered receiver pulled down a total of nine passes in the first two games. Coach Surridge tributes Joel's performance to the fact that Schuldheisz "runs well disciplined pass routes and knows how to look for the seam in a zone. He has a great knowledge of the game."

Randy Stroming is back at tight end, where he continues to show improvement. At the flanker position is freshman Greg Dittmer, a former teammate of Schuldheisz at Concordia Portland. Dittmer has pulled down two passes for 59 yards and has shown good potential.

The man responsible for getting the ball to these receivers is sophomore quarterback Mark Schultz, who backed up brother Gary last year. Mark has completed 41 per cent of his passes to date, a figure which should improve as the line picks up more experience.

Carrying the pigskin for CSP this season are freshman Dale Vogt at halfback and junior transfer Joe McBrayer. McBrayer, the team leader in yards gained rushing after two games, hails from Oklahoma. Vogt, who turned in an inspiring performance against Northwestern, will be sidelined temporarily due to a broken finger. Filling in for him will be either Denny Will or Dave Lindbergh. Mark Young, sophomore, may also see some action at half back in addition to backing up Schultz at quarterback. Young is an excellent



In a year of injuries, trainer Jon Strohschein inspects Howie Wiebold's ailing arm.

sprint out quarterback.

On quarter defense, the Comet's lack of depth is evident. The middle guard is Mike Karr, who has fully recovered from last year's knee trouble. Junior Steve Esala is at left tackle with Doepel anchoring the right side.

The defensive end position is this year's main trouble spot. A fine freshman, George Altendorfer, missed the Dakota State game due to a sprained ankle. Altendorfer was an all-city selection at Humboldt High. Backing him up will be the trio of sophomore Dan Walt, Forsberg, and Stroming.

Two of the linebackers will also be going both ways. Wiebold moved from middle guard last year to the inside position and at corner linebacker will be Denny Will and Mark Young. Freshman Rudy Mauer, a fierce competitor, will also see action when fully recovered from an ankle injury.

The defensive backfield will sorely miss the talent of Randy Rose, a freshman from Rochester John Marshall. The newcomer suffered torn cartilage in his knee and will be out indefinitely. Remaining to handle the backfield duties are junior Mark Grunst, Schuldheisz, and freshman Mark Stordahl.

Coach Surridge pointed out that "the spirit of the team is better than anything we've ever had." He went on to say that the key to Comet success in '75 is whether the squad can stay healthy. And with many members seeing action on both offense and defense, the question of whether they can remain healthy becomes an ominous key indeed.

C. C. Begins Season

The Cross Country team looks to be quite promising for the 1975 season. The potential is there, and the best previous times of some of the runners would tend to indicate a good season and a high ranking in the conference. Coach Rahn states, "The main problem right now is depth, or lack of it. The team is mainly comprised of freshmen, whose lack of experience could be a determining factor."

Two team members, Robert Kasper and Carl Sellent, both freshmen, have

been clocked under sixteen minutes in the three miles. Both are strong distance runners and show a lot of hustle and determination.

"We can win the conference meet if the boys have the desire and put forth the effort now," states Coach Rahn. "Another thing is that we have a lot of potential on campus, if we can only get more interest in cross-country."

The cross country team has completed three of their seven scheduled meets.